



April 2, 2026

The Honorable Natali Fani-González
President, Montgomery County Council
Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue, 6th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Council President Fani-González and Members of the County Council,

I am writing to express my support for Montgomery Community Media (MCM) and to encourage the Council to continue supporting this important community resource in the FY27 budget.

MCM plays a vital role in Montgomery County by providing trusted local news, media training opportunities, and platforms that allow residents and organizations to share stories that matter to our community.

I am proud to have been serving on the board of this important organization for 13 years to witness:

- MCM's role in helping residents **learn media skills and tell their own community stories**
- The value of having a **local platform that amplifies diverse voices and community perspectives**
- How MCM's work supports **civic engagement, transparency, and access to local information** that is making Montgomery County a better place

Through its journalism, training programs, and creative partnerships, MCM helps ensure that residents have access to local information, civic engagement opportunities, and tools to tell their own stories.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to supporting organizations that strengthen community connection and access to information across Montgomery County.

Kindest regards,

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